

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
OF A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NO. 5760.80  
EIS NO. FHWA-NY-EIS-13-02-F

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) announce the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) to evaluate impacts resulting from the alternative to advance the NY Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza Project. The purpose of the proposed project, which is located in the City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York, is to reduce the use of local streets by interstate traffic which accesses the existing Plaza at its current location. FHWA and NYSDOT have developed the Final EIS and preliminary plans for the project after coordination with Federal, State, and Local agencies and outreach to the public. The Final EIS addresses substantive comments on the Draft EIS, identifies the preferred alternative, and assesses the project's effect on the quality of the human environment in accordance with the provisions of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 P.L. 91-190 (NEPA) and Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966.

This notice marks the initiation of a 30-day public comment period on the Final EIS. This comment period, which will be open through May 5, 2014, has been established to provide the public with an additional opportunity to submit comments before FHWA and NYSDOT complete the environmental review necessary to advance the project. New or substantive comments received which were not previously addressed in the EIS will be responded to as part of the Record of Decision (ROD).

The Final EIS is available electronically for public review at [www.dot.ny.gov/nygateway](http://www.dot.ny.gov/nygateway) . Hard copies may be reviewed and copied during business hours at the following locations:

**Lead Agency Offices**

Federal Highway Administration  
Office of the Division Administrator  
Leo W. O'Brien Federal Building  
11A Clinton Avenue, Suite 719  
Albany, New York 12207

New York State Department of Transportation  
Office of the Regional Director  
100 Seneca Street  
Buffalo, NY 14203

**Other Locations**

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library  
Niagara Branch  
280 Porter Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14201

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library  
Downtown Location  
1 Lafayette Square  
Buffalo, NY 14203

City of Buffalo  
Office of Department of Public Works  
502 City Hall  
Buffalo, New York 14202

The Belle Center  
104 Maryland Street  
Buffalo, NY 14201

International Institute of Buffalo  
864 Delaware Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14209

West Side Community Services  
161 Vermont Street  
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Comments on the Final EIS will be accepted through May 5, 2014, and should be submitted by email to [nygateway@dot.ny.gov](mailto:nygateway@dot.ny.gov) or sent to the following persons:

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